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Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners Unanimously Support the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project

Project will Reduce Central Basin's Dependence on Imported Water Supplies

LONG BEACH, CA – The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution today to support the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's (WRD) Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP). GRIP will replace 21,000 acre-feet of imported water that WRD currently uses for replenishment with high-quality recycled water.

WRD has implemented a series of projects known as the Water Independence Now program (WIN) that will fully utilize stormwater and recycled water sources to restore and protect the groundwater resources of the Central and West Coast basins. WIN seeks to completely eliminate dependence on imported water to ensure the future security of the region by developing local resources to create a locally sustainable groundwater supply.

“This drought shows the need to advance beneficial projects like this for the overall water reliability of our community,” said Harry Saltzgaver, President of the Board of Water Commissioners. “We fully support WRD to move expeditiously to eliminate their dependence on imported water.”

“If we've learned one thing from this drought, it's that we need to do everything we can to eliminate our groundwater basin's reliance on imported water for replenishment,” said Kevin Wattier, General Manager of the Long Beach Water Department. “This opportunity would allow our Central Basin to be completely self-sufficient on local supplies.”

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California replenishes the Central Basin and West Coast Basin aquifers in southern Los Angeles County. The Central Basin aquifer provides approximately 60 percent of Long Beach's water supply.

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